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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 1, 2004, it is hereby requested that the above-identified application be reconsidered for allowance.

REMARKS

The withdrawal of the previous rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 and 35 U.S.C. §102 are respectfully acknowledged.

The Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of claims 1-4, 6, 10-14, 16, 20-22, 33 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. §103, as being obvious over Miller (U.S. Patent No. 6,174,513) in view of Bannerjee (US Pub 2002/0151598), and the rejection of claims 8, 9, 18, 19 and 32 further in view of Blum are respectfully traversed.

Applicants maintain all of their previous arguments made in the Reply filed May 10, 2004. Those arguments are incorporated herein by reference. They are briefly summarized